created in the Ministry of Industry.

— New scientific departments/organisations such as Departments of Biotechnology, Ocean Development, Environment, Non/coventional Energy Sources, Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) etc. have been set up and some of these are in high technology areas which are likely to provide opportunities for scientists and technologists and attract them into the country.

—Total outlay for science and technology has been increased in the successive Five Year Plans.

—Delegation of enhanced administrative and financial powers has been made to scientific institutions to improve working conditions of scientists.

— Facilities to import equipment have been provided to the scientists and technologists returning from abroad.

— Programmes have been launched through which core groups of scientists are created in the country with all necessary modern facilities required for pursuing research in new and frontier areas of science.

— Indian origin professional men and women who have distinguished themselves in their fields of activity and are settled abroad, are being invited for short term technical assignments to assist in our developmental efforts in frontier areas of technology and emerging areas of science through a UNDP sponsored programme known as TOKEN (Transfer of know-how through expatriate Nationals).

Views of Planning Commission on Karnal Refinery

661. SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any difference of opinion about the viability of Karnal Refinery Project;

(b) whether the Planning Commission has recently opined that the Karnal Refinery Project, with such huge investment, was not in the intrest of the country;

(c) if so, what are the points on the basis of which the Planning Commission had come to that conclusion;

(d) whether the Commission had intimated its views to the Ministries of Finance, Peroleum and Natural Gas and to the Prime Minister's Office; and

(e) if so, what is the final outcome?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (e) Karnal Refinery Project in Haryana was initially approved by the Govt. in September, 1984 as an Indian Oil Corporation Project. Subsequently, Government decided in March 1987 to implement this project as a joint venture between IOC and M/s. Tata Chemicals. A detailed project was submitted by the Joint Venture Co. (JVC) in May, 1988 with new cost estimates.

The DPR was discussed in Sept., 1988 and JVC was advised to revise the DPR incorporating issues raised during examination, which among other things, included the economic

viability of the project evaluation of different processing schemes, some detailed engineering work essential to arrive at a realistic cost estimate and time frame for project implementation. The final view on the economic viability of the project can be taken only after the revised DPR is received.

Anomalies Committee of Pay Scales of Assistants

662. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2228 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the Anomalies Committee looking into the matter of the revision of Pay Scale of Assistants have since made any recommendation to Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Dose not arise.

Drop in Number of CGHS beneficiaries availing of Unani System of Medicines

663. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of CGHS beneficiaries availing of Unani system has dropped considerably in the recent past due to non-availability of medicines;

(b) whether it is a fact that many of the Unani medicines which should have been purchased during 1988-89 have not been purchased so far;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the medicines supplied to Unani dispensaries are kept lying in the Stores for long times and are not given to the beneficiaries;

(d) what is the number of cases of sub-standard Unani medicines supplied to CGHS dispensaries and detected during the last two years alongwith the action taken in each case; and

(e) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure the quality of Unani medicines and availability of medicines in the Unani dispensaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARADE): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) No complaint about the supply of Sub-Standard Unani Medicines has been received during the last two years.

(e) Organolyptic test method is adopted for checking the quality of Unani medicines. All efforts are made to ensure the availability of Unani medicines in CGHS Dispensaries. An imprest money of Rs. 150/- has also been placed at the disposal of Medical Officer Incharge for procuring and supplying any emergency medicines required by Central Government Health Scheme beneficiaries.

Purchase of medicines for Unani C.G.H.S. Dispensaries

664. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: